## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of Mutsumi ABE

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- ☑ 7. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached thereto.
- 8. Other: The references were cited in an Office Action issued in the Japanese priority application on 06 April 2010. Copies of the Office Action and English translation thereof are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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